E-mail Subject: ITT Students: Request Loan Forgiveness or Transfer Credits

Dear ITT Technical Institute Student:

The U.S. Department of Education is committed to continuously providing displaced ITT students like you with information and resources to help you understand your options and continue your education.

To get connected with an on-call advisor who can help with questions about academic planning, financial aid, transfer credits, and more, visit nextstepsedu.org to get matched with a volunteer advisor.

As you may know, if you were attending ITT when it announced its closure September 6, 2016, or if you withdrew from ITT on or after May 6, 2016, you have two primary options:

- 1. Transfer earned credit or hours to another school to continue your education in a comparable program, **or**
- 2. apply for a closed school loan discharge.

Almost 4,800 students have already qualified to have their federal loans from ITT forgiven, and several states have worked out transfer arrangements with local colleges to help former ITT students continue their studies at another institution.

To learn more about your eligibility for a closed school loan discharge, visit <u>StudentAid.gov/itt</u> and view our ITT <u>Q&A page</u>, to see answers to questions other ITT students have asked.

You also can learn more about an <u>update to the policy regarding Federal Pell Grant eligibility</u> for students impacted by ITT's closure (see Q&A #8).

If you have already applied for a closed school loan discharge for federal loans taken at ITT and you haven't received a response, contact your <u>federal loan servicer</u> to check on the status of your application.

For more information about transfer options, contact your state higher education agency; many state agencies have resources to help ITT students continue their education. Contact information and much more can be found in state-specific fact sheets and state websites developed to help displaced ITT students within that state. To download the fact sheet for your state and view available ITT-specific web information from your state, see columns O and P of this spreadsheet.

To access and obtain your ITT student records and transcripts, review the <u>closure information that ITT</u> posted on its website.

We encourage you to avoid paying companies for student loan consolidation or forgiveness services that your <u>federal loan servicer</u> provides on behalf of ED for free.

Further questions on the information presented above? Contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243; TTY for the hearing impaired 1-800-730-8913).

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